

**NOAA Research Council Meeting
February 9, 2004
SSMC III, Rm 11836**

Members Present:

Rick Rosen, Chair
Steve Brandt, OAR (phone)
Marie Colton, NESDIS (phone)
Steve Manzo, NMAO (phone)
Gary Matlock, NOS
Mike Sissenwine, NMFS
Louis Uccellini, NWS (phone)
Mike Uhart, SAB
Rodney Weiher, PPI

Staff:

Carl Childs, OAR
Josh Foster, PCO
Kristen Koch, OAR
Terry Schaefer, OAR

NOAA Research Plan – Next Steps

The Research Council (RC) discussed the current draft of the NOAA Research Plan and made recommendations for improvement. Examples of research plans from other federal agencies were distributed. The content and format of the research plan was discussed at length. Part of the discussion focused on whether the research plan should focus more on process rather than the current research theme content. A revised draft will be delivered to Jack Kelly on Tuesday, February 10, 2004.

The Research Council will decide on final format for Research Plan and set a schedule to meet the May 2004 release to the SAB at the Feb 17th meeting.

ACTION ITEM:

RC Staff will distribute .pdf versions of selected research plans from other agencies

Research Definitions

The NEC has approved adoption of the NSF research definitions for NOAA. The RC discussed at length how to classify monitoring and observations. The significance of these definitions for the 50% Rule was also discussed.

ACTION ITEM:

Mike Uhart will draft a Research Definition Dissemination (communication) plan to meet the February 27, 2004 deadline.

USWRP Review

The Research Council agreed to form a committee to review the USWRP. The committee will include representatives from NESDIS, OAR, and NWS.

ACTION ITEM:

Rick Rosen will discuss potential panel members with Louis Uccellini and others.

Publication NAO

The draft publication NAO was discussed. The Research Council and the Climate Board are expected to provide comments to Dr. Mahoney's office. The preliminary draft NAO is not yet to be distributed beyond the Research Council.

ACTION ITEM:

RC members should provide comments to the RC staff by the COB February 11, 2004. Comments will be collated and provided to the RC Chair.

Management Information System (MIS) Requirement Document

This system documents and keeps track of the information relative to the PPBS process. Some concern was raised about the system architecture and design.

ACTION ITEM:

RC members need to provide comments on MIS to the RC staff by COB on February 11, 2004. Comments will be collated and provided to the RC Chair.

Next Meeting

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

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